

28 Feb 66

43-6

Table 2

Estimated Supply Requirements for Viet Cong and PAVN Forces in South Vietnam  
and Trucks and Gasoline Estimated Necessary for Continuous Transport of Supplies <sup>a/</sup>

Number Battalions	Level of Combat	Supplies Required (Short tons per day)		For continuous movement of external requirement		For continuous movement of total requirement	
		External Requirement	Total Requirement	Trucks <sup>b/</sup>	Gasoline per Month (Short Tons)	Trucks <sup>b/</sup>	Gasoline per Month (Short Tons)
113	Current level	12	<del>43</del> 70	50	35	<del>180</del> 290	<del>135</del> 215
113	Once in 7 days	65	125	275	200	525	380
155	Once in 3 days	170	255	700	510	1,060	765

a. From the North Vietnamese border at Mu Gia through Laos to the end of route 165 at the border of Kontum Province, South Vietnam, a distance of about 275 miles. The distance between Tan Ap and Mu Gia Pass is about 33 miles. These data can also be used for movements from Tan Ap because the data have an upward bias due to the methodology used. It is assumed that each truck carries 3 tons travelling at 5 miles an hour for about 12 hours a day and getting 6 miles to the gallon.

b. Does not include trucks required for loading and unloading but does include 25% extra for replacements, and those out for repairs, etc. Trucks and gasoline to supply gasoline along the route are also not included. The inclusion of these would raise the requirement for trucks and gasoline by about 5 percent.